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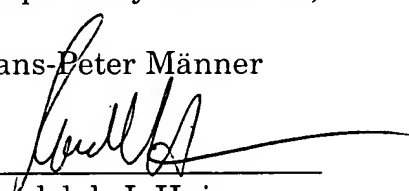
Each of the references was cited in a Search Report dated October 15, 2003 from counterpart European Application No. 03014792, copy enclosed. The German language reference, European Patent No. EP 0 447 573 B1, was cited as Category X (document of particular relevance) with respect to claims 1-5, 10, 15, and 18. An English language abstract of the German language reference is also enclosed. Additionally, U.S. Patent No. 4,981,431A, which is related to cited reference EP 0 407 971 B1, is also listed on the PTO-1449 form.

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Respectfully submitted,

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